

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016, BEGINNING
AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, 1 NORTH SAN ANTONIO
ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Mayor Bruins, Mayor Pro Tem Prochnow, Councilmembers Mordo, Pepper and Satterlee

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bruins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Public Employment: City Attorney Performance Review and Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and 54957.6
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: *Roman Yanovsky v. The City of Los Altos, the City of Cupertino and the County of Santa Clara, Roes 1 to 10*
Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara
Case No. 114CV260619

Mayor Bruins reported that no action was taken during the Closed Session meeting.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

Mayor Bruins announced Coffee, Cider and Conversation with senior residents and Mayor Bruins and Mayor Pro Tem Prochnow on January 13, 2016 and January 15, 2016. She further announced a Silicon Valley Clean Energy Partnership community meeting on January 13, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Gary Hedden, representing the Environmental Commission, announced the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Partnership community meeting on January 13, 2016.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Pepper pulled item number 3.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Mordo, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of item number 3, as follows:

1. Approved the minutes of the December 1, 2015 special meeting.
2. Approved the minutes of the December 8, 2015 regular meeting.
3. Award the Base Bid and Add Alternate No. 1 for Commercial Wayfinding Sign Program, Project CD-01002 to VKK Signmakers in the amount of \$123,697.31 and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract on behalf of the City – *Pulled for discussion (see page 2).*
4. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-01, expressing support for combatting human trafficking.
5. Approved Egan Intermediate School gymnasium emergency floor repairs.

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED

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Public Comment

Los Altos resident Phoebe Bressack, a member of the Wayfinding Task Force, provided reasons for implementing the Commercial Wayfinding Sign Program.

Julie Rose, representing the Chamber of Commerce, supported the program.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Councilmember Mordo, to reject all bids. The motion was withdrawn.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Councilmember Mordo, the Council unanimously continued the item to January 26, 2016 and directed that the item be noticed in a way that, should the Council reject all bids, discussion can be had regarding re-bidding a portion of the project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Approve request for waiver of the application fee for an overlay rezoning for a Historic District for Fallen Leaf Park

Assistant Planner Gallegos presented the report. Tracy Gibbons and Nate Johnson presented the request for waiver of the application fee.

Public Comments

Los Altos residents Gary Hedden, Margot Gordon, Jon Baer, Louis Fries and Aimee Castaneda supported the request for waiver of the application fee.

Nate Johnson presented the rebuttal.

Councilmember Pepper disclosed ex parte communication with Tracy Gibbons and Nate Johnson.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Mordo, seconded by Councilmember Pepper, the Council unanimously approved the request for waiver of the application fee for an overly rezoning for a Historic District for Fallen Leaf Park.

7. Consider recommended changes to the Commission and Committee recruitment, interview and appointment process, and direct staff accordingly

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Maginot presented the report.

Action: Motion made by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Councilmember Mordo, to direct staff to: 1) develop a primer for potential Commissioners related to the requirements of the Brown Act and Commission responsibilities; 2) balance Commission term expirations between odd and even years; 3) balance Commission term expirations to expire in spring and fall and to conduct two recruitments per year; 4) consider affinities between Commissions in balancing terms; and 5) schedule two days per recruitment period with the goal to schedule each Commission on a certain day, but to allow flexibility if an applicant cannot attend on the assigned day.

Councilmember Satterlee amended the motion to allow the balancing of terms to consider lengthening or shortening terms of current Commissioners to assist in the process of determining affinities between Commissions. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Councilmember Mordo, the Council unanimously directed that applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a Commission meeting and are required to either attend a Commission meeting or to meet with a current Commissioner or the Commission Staff Liaison to understand the work of the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Satterlee, seconded by Mayor Bruins, the Council unanimously directed that no change be made to the current practice of appointing Commissioners at a regular City Council meeting.

8. Review the Tentative Council Calendar and provide direction on placement of items on the Calendar

This item was deferred to the Annual Council Retreat on January 30, 2016.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- A. Community Engagement process update

Action: Council members generally requested a discussion item at the Annual Council Retreat to consider establishing regular Council office hours.

- B. City Manager – approved purchases between \$50,000 and \$75,000 for the period October 1 – December 31, 2015

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council reports

Councilmember Satterlee reported on the January 7, 2016 joint Planning and Transportation Commission and Downtown Buildings Committee meeting. She further announced a meeting of the Downtown Buildings Committee on January 14, 2016 and a need for an alternate to the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority.

Councilmember Pepper reported she attended the following: a meeting of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board on December 16, 2015, a meeting of the Santa Clara County Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission on December 16, 2015, an event hosted by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo on January 4, 2016, a meeting of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board on January 8, 2016, and a meeting of the North County Library Authority on January 11, 2016 with Councilmember Mordo.

Mayor Pro Tem Prochnow reported she attended the Employee Recognition Event on December 17, 2015.

Mayor Bruins reported she attended the following: the Employee Recognition Event on December 17, 2015, the Annual New Year's Day Fun Run on January 1, 2016 and a meeting of the Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors on December 10, 2015.

Staff reports

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager Maginot announced the deadline to apply for various Commission vacancies is January 29, 2016.

Future agenda items

Mayor Pro Tem Prochnow and Councilmembers Mordo and Pepper requested a future agenda item to discuss potential restrictions on gun sales within Los Altos.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bruins adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Jeannie Bruins, MAYOR

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK